

SENATE RESOLUTION
8697

By Senators Esser, Kohl-Welles, Hewitt, Schmidt, Eide, Zarelli, Pflug, Brown, Johnson, McAuliffe, Rasmussen and Fraser

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks capped the finest season in team history with their first-ever Super Bowl appearance last month; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks sent seven players to the Pro Bowl game one week later; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks finished the regular season with a franchise-best 13-3 regular season record, which included an 11-game winning streak and a perfect 8-0 home record; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks completed seven out of eight fourth-down conversions during the 2005 regular season; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks sacked the opposing team's quarterback an NFL-high 50 times during the 2005 regular season; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks defense finished the 2005 regular season with 894 tackles, 241 assists, 20 fumble recoveries, and 16 interceptions, and gave up the fewest points in the league; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Seahawks Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck was the starting NFC quarterback at the Pro Bowl and finished the 2005 regular season with a quarterback rating of 98.2, completing 24 touchdown passes; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Seahawks Running Back Shaun Alexander was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player for the 2005 season, won the league's rushing crown with 1,880 rushing yards, and set an all-time NFL record with 28 touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks won the NFC West Division for the second straight year; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks earned the top seed in the NFC Playoffs and defeated the Washington Redskins 20-10 for their first playoff win since 1984; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks defeated the Carolina Panthers 34-14 in the NFC Championship Game to earn their first George Halas Trophy and their first trip to the Super Bowl in franchise history; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Seattle Seahawks Charitable Foundation (SSCF, founded in 1995) is to promote the healthy social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of youth by enhancing opportunities for participation in sports and fitness activities; and

WHEREAS, The SSCF is committed to supporting the Seahawks Leadership Academy, a Seattle public middle school serving 6th, 7th, and 8th grade at-risk students; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks Literacy program, "Ready, Set, Goals," is designed to enhance reading comprehension, writing, and goal-setting skills for 3rd through 6th grade students; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Seahawks partner with local sponsors to raise money with programs, including Winning For Your Community, Touchdowns For Charity, First Downs For Kids, Run For Their Future, and Special Kicks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor the Seattle Seahawks and congratulate the team and their players on their outstanding season, and thank them for giving so much back to the team's fans, known as the "12th Man," and to the community.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8697,
adopted by the Senate
March 8, 2006

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate